

DETERMINING POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY AND RANKING CRITERIA
Forestry Statewide Natural Resource Concern
EQIP Outside Local Emphasis Areas

The following guide is provided for determining those applications having potential to earn environmental points in EQIP Forestry Natural Resource Concern outside of local emphasis areas. It is to be used by USDA personnel in understanding the priority resource issues being considered in 2003 and where appropriate to aid clients in determining whether their particular resource concern(s) would receive ranking points in this year's evaluation.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Tracts: _____

Assisted By: _____ Assisting Agency: _____

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Does the offer include planned forestry related treatment subject to **all** of the following eligibility criteria?

- Applicant is a non-industrial private land owner, group, small corporation, or part-time forest product manufacturer
 - Must be rural forest land, physically capable of being treated, and capable of producing at least 50 cubic feet of wood per acre per year
 - Planned treatment includes Tree Planting, Timber Stand Improvement, &/or Site Preparation for Natural Regeneration
 - Offered acreage is limited to a minimum of 10 acres and not more than 1000 acres in the following counties: Adair, Atoka, Cherokee, Choctaw, Delaware, Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, Pushmataha, Sequoyah, and Pittsburg
 - Must have a Forest Management Plan prepared or approved by the Oklahoma Forestry Service
- Yes ____ No ____

If **No**, the offer is **NOT** eligible for environmental ranking points under the EQIP Forestry Natural Resource Concern. However, it may be eligible for consideration and ranking under another statewide natural resource concern.

1) Site Productivity: Potential production capability of the site		Points	Score
120+ cubic feet per acre per year		20	
86-119 cubic feet per acre per year		15	
50-85 cubic feet per acre per year		10	
Enter Factor 1) Score			
2) Disaster Priority: To be reforested as a result of a natural disaster (fire, tornado, flood, or drought).			
Yes (enter "0" if No)		10	
Enter Factor 2) Score			
3) Likelihood of Conversion: Proximity to urban or heavy build-up areas			
6 miles or greater		10	
3-5 miles (enter "0" if less than 3 miles)		5	
Enter Factor 3) Score			
4) Cost-share Per Acre: Amount of cost-share per acre requested to install practice(s)			
Pine: <\$65 per acre	Hardwood: <\$99 per acre	50	
\$65-82 per acre	\$99-114 per acre	40	
\$83-100 per acre	\$115-147 per acre	30	
\$101-150 per acre	\$148-200 per acre (enter "0" if >\$200/ac.)	20	
\$151-200 per acre (enter "0" if >\$200/ac.)		10	
Enter Factor 4) Score			

TOTAL SCORE: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date